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SECTION 23

REFS: (A) A-4246; (B) SECSTATE 258495; (C) PARA 11

(4) OF SECSTATE 205678

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFS A AND B, U.S. DELEGATION HAS MADE MAXIMUM EFFORT OBTAIN FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION IN SYG'S REQUEST FOR FUNDS IN SECTION 23 OF THE PROGRAM BUDGET. THIS HAS INCLUDED: (1) STATEMENT DELIVERED IN FIFTH COMMITTEE DEBATE ON SECTION 23 OCTOBER 26 WHEN U.S. FIRST MADE ITS PROPOSAL FOR FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION; (2) DEFENSE OF THAT PROPOSAL WHEN BROUGHT UP FOR VOTE OCTOBER 28; (3) HEAVY LOBBYING EFFORT; (4) AND AN ADDITIONAL DETAILED STATEMENT IN FIFTH COMMITTEE OCTOBER 31 (POUCHED IO/IBC - HENNES) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS IN FIFTH COMMMITTEE OCTOBER 28.

2. U.S. DELEGATION PROPOSAL AND DEFENSE (WHICH HAS MADE FULL USE OF GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFS A B AND C) APPEARS TO HAVE HAD SOME IMPACT AMONG DELEGATIONS. NONETHELESS, BECAUSE MOST DELEGATIONS ARE RELUCTANT TO DEPART FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STANDARD GUIDANCE UNDER WHICH THEY ARE INSTRUCTED CONSISTENTLY SUPPORT ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS, U.S. DELEGATION IS CERTAIN BE ISOLATED WITH ONLY ISRAEL AND A FEW EASTERN EUROPEANS IN VOTING ON ITS OWN PROPOSAL. THEREFORE, MATTER WOULD END WITH THIS EMBARRASSING DEFEAT; AND MERIT OF QUESTIONS WE HAVE RAISED WOULD NOT BE PURSUED.

- 3. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY IMPRESSED WITH OUR PRESENTATION TO SUGGEST INFORMALLY THAT U.S. DELEGATION'S PROPOSAL BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES, WITH INSTRUCTIONS REPORT BACK TO 33RD GA. U.S. DELEGATION BELIEVES SUCH A STEP WOULD KEEP OUR PROPOSAL ALIVE AND OFFER BEST CHANCE BRING ABOUT GENUINE ECONOMIES IN U.N. CONFERENCE PROCEDURES. IT WOULD AT LEAST PROVIDE US WITH A PARTIAL VICTORY, RATHER THAN AN OVERWHELMING DEFEAT.
- 4. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY, U.S. DELEGATION INTENDS TO GO ALONG WITH A PROPOSAL, SHOULD ONE DEVELOP, TO REFER U.S. DELEGATION'S PROPOSAL TO COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO REPORT BACK TO 33RD UNGA VIA ACABQ, AND TO SUPPORT ACABQ REDUCTION IN SECTION 23. LEONARD

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